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2015 Envirothon environmental competition held at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens

BATON ROUGE – The 2015 Louisiana Envirothon environmental competition was held March 14 at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens in Baton Rouge. Five teams from grades 9 through 12 participated in an environmental problem solving competition that consisted of testing in aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, a current issue on Urban and Community Forestry and an oral presentation.

Participating schools were Baton Rouge Magnet High School; Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Environmental Club; Live Oak High School; Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (Blue Team); and St. Joseph's Academy-Team EnviroFun.

## Winners of 2015 Louisiana Envirothon are:

• 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Environmental Club

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (Blue Team)

• 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Baton Rouge Magnet High School

## The highest scores on station tests were:

- Aquatics: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Environmental Club
- Forestry: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Environmental Club
- Soils: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (Blue Team)
- Wildlife: Baton Rouge Magnet High School
- Current Issue on Urban Forestry: Baton Rouge Magnet High School
- Orals: Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts (Blue Team)

Major sponsors for the Louisiana Envirothon are the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens. Envirothon received support from the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and Friends the LSU College of Engineering, Office for Diversity Programs and Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality partnered with the Acadiana Resource Conservation & Development Council, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, LSU College of Engineering, Office for Diversity Programs, LSU School of Plant, Environmental, & Soil Sciences, LSU Superfund Research Program and Southern University and A&M College—Urban Forestry Program to host the competition.

For more information on Envirothon, or to enter a team for next year's competition, please visit <a href="https://www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon">www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon</a>.